

Abingdon Community Council Meeting
April 23, 2012

There were 6 members (C. David Copenhaver, Cynthia Hergenbahn, Earl Grey, Carlin Cook, Gregory Beaty, and Michael Galumbeck) and 16 guests in attendance including: Lt. Dougherty (Harford County Sheriff's Office), Dion Guthrie (Harford County Council), Patti Gonzales (County Executive's Office), Susan K. McComas (Maryland House of Delegates District 35B)

The next meeting will be June 25, 2012 at 6:30 at the Abingdon Public Library. There will be no meeting in May.

- The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Cynthia Hergenbahn, Chairperson.
- Lt. Dougherty - Community Policing
 - Report for sectors 30 and 40: robberies about the same, burglaries up slightly, vehicle theft down slightly
 - The new Southern Precinct now open and operational – dedication and open houses were well attended
 - If you see something suspicious, call 911. It's better to be safe than sorry.
- Patti Gonzales (County Executive's Office),
 - Brought copies of the Proposed Long-Term Solid Waste Disposal Facilities fact sheet
 - Brought copies of the Proposed Budget in Brief for Fiscal Year 2013
- Community Council member Earl Grey stated that our Facebook page is updated regularly and followers are growing.
- Council member David Copenhaver distributed a handout and gave a few updates.
 - "The Early Years Expo" update – 20 new Abingdon residents signed up for the ACC electronic communications bringing the total to 87 members on the distribution list
 - The Community Input Meeting for the Boulevard at Box Hill scheduled for last week was cancelled and has been rescheduled for May 2 at 6:00 pm at the Abingdon Fire Company.
 - Results of the ACC interest/concern survey (top 3) were Future Community Development: Homes; Future Economic Development: Business/Industry; and Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan
 - Cedar Lane Update: construction well under way
 - Dates to Ponder: April 28 Prescription pill disposal from 10-2 at 220 S. Main St.
April 28 "Clear Your Clutter Day" from 10-2 at HCC Lot 3

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Various businesses for allowing ACC to post notices about upcoming meetings

- Council Chairperson Cynthia Hergenbahn
 - Harford County lapel pins were given to the council members. She explained that council member Gregory Beaty had designed a pin for the council but that the legal office for the government rejected the idea.
 - Announced the Commuter Appreciation Days for Harford's MARC Train Riders – May 2 at the Edgewood station and May 8 at the Aberdeen station, there will be giveaways and light refreshments will be served.
 - May 18 is "Bike to Work Day" 7-9 am at 220 S. Main St. in Bel Air. Register at www.Bike2WorkCentralMD.com and enjoy free refreshments, a T-shirt, and chances to win great prizes.
 - The Smithsonian's Journey Stories opens its main exhibit at the Abingdon Library on May 19 at 10:00 am; Jarrettsville car show was a great success.
- Chairperson of the Gunpowder Community Association was present and expressed the association's opposition to the proposed waste transfer station on Rt. 7 just off Rt. 152. He mentioned the on-line petition that the residents had been signing.

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- Still has a concern about the proposed Waste Transfer Station to be built on Rt. 7 near Rt. 152. The waste/energy plant at APG is currently scheduled to close in 2016. The current station imports trash from Baltimore County as well as taking trash from much of Harford County.
- Harford County budget hearings will be open to the public on May 2 at Bel Air High School and on May 9 at Havre de Grace High School.
- There was no update on the Cultural Arts Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm by Chairperson Cynthia Hergenbahn.

Minutes submitted by Donna Copenhaver